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Applicant: McMahon et al.  
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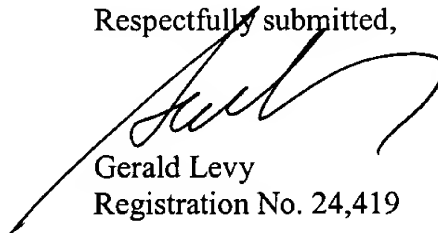
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Applicants' effective filing date is less than three months later than the apparent effective  
filing dates of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 and U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 608(a), Applicants' counsel states that there is a basis upon which applicants are entitled to a judgment relative to the patentees of said U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 and U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 769-236 Div. 6.

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